

bestow upon us wealth like (wages
given) to a
labourer.

39. May *Soṭw* the augments (of the
gods),
self-augmenting, being purified, the
showerer (of
benefits), protect us by his radiance;
through whom
our forefathers, tracing the footmarks,
cognizant
of all things, stole the cattle from the
rock.¹

40 ²The ocean, the royal (*Sonm*),
generating
progeny in the outstretched (firmament,
the) sup-
porter of the water traverses the
universe; the
showerer (of benefits) the brilliant
Soma when
effused increases abundantly in the
elevated woollen
filter.

41. The mighty *Soma* has achieved
this mighty
(work) that, being the germ of the
waters, he has
nourished the gods; purified he has
given strength
to IXDBA ; *Indu*, has generated the light
in the sun.

42. Exhilarate VAYU for (our) food and
wealth,
exhilarate MURA and YARUXA as soon as
thou art
filtered; exhilarate the company of
the ILutris,
exhilarate the gods, exhilarate heaven
and earth,
divine SQJUA.

43. Flow thou who art straightgoing,
the slayer

¹ The verb *mh* according to Sayana has here the
meaning of

the verb *mush* or the #* in *mushnan* is elided. The
 literal
 construction is "stole (ransacked^ the rock with
 regard to
 (i.e. for) the cattle." The Sama Veda has *Mnan*.
 * Verses 40 to 42 occur Sama Veda, IL 5. 2. 1;
 Terse 40 also
ibid. I. 6. 1. 4. 7.